

Friday 4th December, 2020

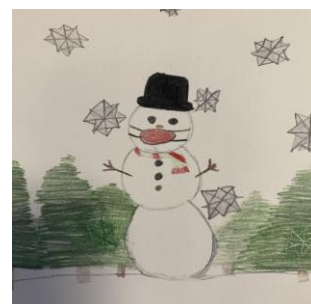
Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a wonderful week. Welcome to a rare printed newsletter for this week. Please remember that our newsletters are usually online only and can be accessed via our app and on our website (menu/newsletters).

Our brand new website is now live. I am sure that you would all agree that this is a huge step forward in terms of us showcasing the work that we do at our school. I hope that you have all enjoyed exploring it. The following sections are well worth a look, if you have not seen them already.

- The school news section (on the front page) – Read about and watch videos about some of our latest news items such as our teddy being launched into space and our Big Arts Week exhibition;
- Our Recent Tweets (on the front page) – Read about some of the things we have been doing as a school and see some of the excellent work that has been produced;
- Online safety (in the menu) – Some helpful advice about helping to keep your child safe online;
- No Outsiders (in the menu) – Here there are two wonderful inspire meetings (one for KS1 and one for KS2) filmed by Mr Moffat (the creator of No Outsiders) for you to do with your child at home.
- Curriculum (in the menu) – Find out more about what your child will be learning this year;
- Sage Award (in the menu options) – Read about and watch the video about this fabulous new KS2 award. How many stampers has your child achieved so far?
- British Values (in the menu) - Watch the video and see how many of these your child can remember using this technique.

A few weeks ago, I attached the details to a newsletter about a Christmas card competition that our local MP (Gary Sambrook) had organised. We had quite a few entries which we forwarded on. I am delighted to say that on Monday, we received an email from Gary Sambrook's office to let us know that one of our children had finished as a runner up in the competition. That lucky child was Carla in 5TM. Congratulations Carla! We are all really proud of you.



Our Christmas preparations have started at Colmers Farm as our Christmas trees went up on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Chatwin, Miss Storer and Miss Evans for utilising their Christmas tree decorating skills. The countdown has officially begun at Colmers Farm (although in many shops the countdown has been going since September!).



Colmers Farm are currently looking to recruit a new head boy and head girl. This week, we received lots of really high quality applications for this role from our wonderful Year 6 children. It was really difficult to do, but myself and Miss Kelly went through these applications to shortlist the candidates. All of the children who applied, received a letter telling them if they would go through to the next round of the process - which is our school wide campaign and vote (reinforcing the British Value of Democracy). The children who are through to the next round are:

Boys - Oliver, Alfie and Charlie

Girls - Caitlyn, Kayde, Miyah and Naturia

A huge thank you to everybody who applied and good luck to those children who got through.

Our community Christmas present give away event started today. A huge thank you again to all of you for your very kind donations and to the staff at Colmers Farm for their generosity (in terms of donations and time to help set this up). It's wonderful to bring some festive cheer to so many of our families during this most challenging of times.

On my drive into school today, I was fascinated to hear reports of 'thunder snow' in Scotland. which sounds very exciting to the geographer in me. This however is a reminder that it's snow season. If we have snow, please listen to your local radio for updates. Alternatively, there will be a notice on our school website saying that school is closed (if we are).

I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



As we have only received 60 of the Digital Parenting booklets, we will be sending them home with our Year 6 children. It is a guide for families to keep children happy and digital safe. This can be viewed on our website for parents who are looking at ways to keep children safe.



OUR TREE OF ACHIEVEMENT



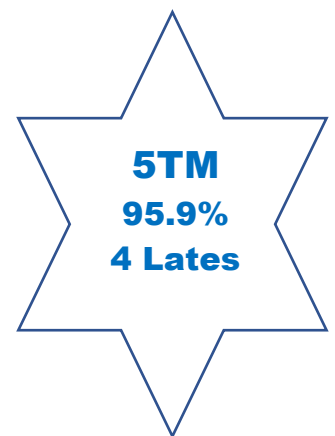
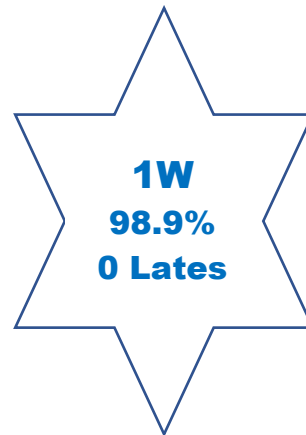
**LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF
ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG
ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK**

Lily and Nate in Reception
Kaylica and Leila in Year 1,
Jake and in Bobby in Year 2
Akeem and Elizabeth in Year 3
Miracle and Lily in Year 4
Amy and Olivia in Year 5
Miyah and Trevor in Year 6

WELL DONE!



This week's winners of the Colmers' Cat
and Colmers' Camel are:



**Well Done for your great attendance
and punctuality!**

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Due to the Coronavirus, Our Hot Chocolate Fridays can no longer take place with Mr Williams and the children in his office. We are pleased to say that the children will be bringing a Hot Chocolate goodie bag home with them at the end of the day if they were lucky enough to be drawn out

Zayn in RF, Sophia in 1F
Kayleigh in 2B, Olivia in 3B,
Rocco in 4G, Katieleigh in 5M and
Bobby in 6D

Well Done!



WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **138** and the lucky girl to win the raffle Isabella in Year 2. I wonder what prize she will choose from our prize cabinet?



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD TO START RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2021
CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2021

VISIT: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please contact a member on Children's Services on 0121 303 188 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.

DIARY DATES



Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Governors Award Assembly

Friday 18th December

School Closes for Christmas

Monday 4th January

Teachers Training Day

Tuesday 5th January

Children back to school

Week beginning Monday 7th December



Dinnertime Lunch Rota will be

Children in Reception, Years 1, 3 and 5 will be having lunch in the dining hall.
Children in Years 2, 4 and 6 will be having lunch in their classrooms.



SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

December 2020



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Speech & Language Therapy

Top Tips for Talking

Speakers: Victoria Caulfield, Speech & Language Therapist, and Leona Blake, Speech & Language Therapist

Tuesday 8th December- Early Years 0-5 years

Wednesday 9th December- Primary Age 5-11 years

Tuesday 8th December at 2.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salt-top-tips-for-talking-suitable-for-early-years-children-tickets-130235005407>

Wednesday 9th December at 10.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salt-top-tips-for-talking-suitable-for-primary-age-children-tickets-130255322175>



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Every Wednesday evening from 6pm-9pm for 6 weekly sessions

Starting Wed 6th Jan 2021, and then continues on Wed 13th Jan, Wed 20th Jan, Wed 27th Jan, Wed 3rd Feb and finishes on Wed 10th Feb 2021

We warmly invite you to join in a series of evening online workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

If you are interested in accessing these evening workshops [online](#), you will need to have a laptop/computer/smartphone with a camera.

Please note, due to increased demand we may not always be able to offer places automatically. If you are placed on a waiting list, you will be offered a space on a future set of workshops this academic year.

Please apply by completing and signing the attached booking form and consent to either

Sarah Adams (Early Years Inclusion Support)

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or Oenca Fontaine (Parent Engagement Consultant)

Oenca.Fontaine@birmingham.gov.uk

Deadline for receiving bookings is Friday 11th December 2020!



Be Empowered...